



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 24, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS:

Larry Church, Commissioner, Payette County
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County (Excused)
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County
Bill Brown, Commissioner, Adams County (Excused)
Richard T. Roberge, MD, Physician Representative
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nikole Zogg
Doug Doney
Patty Foster
Carol Julius
Katrina Williams
Jami Delmore
Rachel Blanton
Nancy Sandoval

GUESTS:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -- CHAIR

Chairman Larry Church called the business meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Church requested discussion of the Payette property be added to the agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 03/27/18 MINUTES

No changes to the Board of Health minutes of March 27, 2018 were noted.

MOTION: Commissioner Marvin moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018 without changes. Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Financial Manager, Patty Foster, presented the March financial report. To date, revenues continue to exceed expenditures. Patty explained that this is partly due to several large expenditures that have not yet been paid out. She also anticipates several more expenditures coming in over the next month or six weeks.

Patty highlighted some changes she mapped out in the budget and budget revision column of the report. She also pointed out that Environmental and Community Health revenues were budgeted low but continue to be higher than expected.

AMEND 2018 BOARD OF HEALTH CALENDAR

Board members discussed amending the May 2018 Board of Health meeting date to avoid a conflict with a conference in Sun Valley that several Board members will attend.

MOTION: Commissioner Marvin moved to change the May Board of Health meeting date to May 17, 2018. Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

TOGETHER SOUTHWEST UPDATE

Rachel and Nikki provided an update on the Together Southwest grant Southwest District Health (SWDH) received about one year ago. These grant funds have enabled SWDH to begin to engage rural communities, develop leadership, and train staff. The rural areas of our health district have small population numbers and are not always represented accurately by census data.

Rachel and Nikki shared some of the internal and external collaboration generated through the Together Southwest projects. Outside agencies have been contracted to gather data from some of the rural communities and develop an outreach plan. Rachel shared that Gem, Washington, and Adams counties have been in a stage of change recently and looking for some leadership change around health. This has been an opportunity where SWDH has been welcomed to lead in these communities and as a neutral body act as convener and facilitator to help the communities identify ways of moving forward.

Internally, staff, primarily health educators, have been strengthening their collaboration efforts and expertise through weekly huddles and training. During the huddles, staff share knowledge about work they are doing that crosses internal programs and divisions as well as communities. The goal of this work is to be more efficient through intentional teamwork, expand expertise through cross-discipline problem solving, and share best practices, innovative ideas and resources across the district.

Another success of the Together Southwest program has been the development of weekly videos that highlight SWDH teams working collaboratively to resolve issues or identify opportunities for improved teamwork.

Rachel and Nikki answered questions regarding the differences between Together Southwest and the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Program (SHIP). Some of the goals are the same but Together Southwest is not the same as SHIP. The SHIP is primarily focused on clinic quality improvement across the region and health priorities identified by the Southwest Health Collaborative. Together Southwest aims to increase local involvement and collaboration between SWDH, citizens of the community, and organizations with shared goals or purpose. Our health educators will convene meetings in each county and work with partners to identify a clear vision and strategy for improving health that is driven by our communities' wants and needs.

Training

Rachel and Nikki highlighted some of the training opportunities made possible through the Together Southwest grant. At a recent all staff meeting staff received training on social

determinants of health to encourage thinking about how different components of someone's social experience impacts communities' health profiles.

Innovation training to encourage thinking outside of the box has also been provided. This training focuses on making sure communities are being asked what they need so the products or services to meet that need can be identified, developed, resourced and implemented.

Data collection

Two organizations, Vitruvian Planning and Boise State University, helped gather data to identify gaps and opportunities in each of the six counties. SWDH intends to share these data with the Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) and use it to guide decision-making and identify resources within each county and across the district. The spectrum of health care beliefs and cultural norms is important to understand when assessing the health status of a community and identifying both priorities and solutions for improving community health and vitality.

Funding

One goal of the Together Southwest grant is to encourage a shift in thinking so that grants do not drive the work we do. Sometimes our grant directives do not fit with what health care providers, clinics or communities want to do or see as a priority. We want to be sure we are pursuing grants that align with our communities' needs. As part of this shift, recent conversations were initiated with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) to request more flexibility within our contracts. The staff at IDHW have been receptive to our request and are open to negotiating sub-grants that give us the flexibility we need to achieve our shared goals. Pursuing other funding through private foundations and hospitals is also an option.

Another funding opportunity is looking at potential federal funding centered around rural health. We applied for and received our first Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. HRSA is excited about supporting projects pertaining rural health.

Next steps

Community Health Action Teams are being established in several counties. Nikki and Rachel are also scheduled to present at the upcoming National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) annual conference scheduled in July in New Orleans.

UPDATED RESOLUTIONS

In preparation for the upcoming Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) meeting in June, Nikki presented three resolutions for board members to review.

Home visitation resolution

A bill was passed this legislative session that provided one time funding to expand home visitation in the health districts. Going forward, the plan is to look for continued funding through the Millennium Fund. Board members discussed the need of the expanded home visitation program bill. Nikki explained that this expansion was driven by the state legislature in attempt to prevent or decrease children entering Idaho's foster care system. There is solid evidence and 20 years' worth of data that shows that families who participate in the nurse family partnership have a higher likelihood better health outcomes, finish high school and stay out of the corrections and judicial systems. There are proven long-term benefits to some of these home visiting programs that have been in place a long time.

These are also more individually focused rather than community focused and involve more one on one focus between a health care provider and a family. Board members discussed supporting this resolution. Nikki explained that currently home visiting is available only in Canyon County. This year the Legislature provided additional funding to either strengthen or expand this program. The health district directors would like to see that there is continued, sustained funding for this program.

MOTION: Commissioner Elliott moved to support the Resolution to Support Evidence Based Home Visitation in Idaho as presented. Commissioner Marvin seconded the motion. Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Medicaid family planning waiver

The next resolution discussed is the Resolution in Support of the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver or State plan amendment. District 4 led efforts to present this bill that would expand access to Medicaid for women of childbearing age. This is basically a continuation of the bill that was introduced during the last legislative session. This resolution gives another option which would be a state plan amendment. Board members discussed supporting this resolution. One topic discussed is how many of the 78,000 births referenced will be included. What percentage will be Medicaid births? Nikki will look into the answer to this question. Board members discussed the resolution's intent which is to educate so that the number of unintended pregnancies is lower. The outcome may be different than that intent.

Board members discussed whether this would be utilized without any kind of Medicaid expansion. For five years, efforts have been made to get Medicaid to cover the gap population. The difference between those historical requests and this resolution is that from a public health perspective we are focused on where can we cover some lives to help with cost savings as well as preventing unintended pregnancies. That is the driver behind this resolution and the focus is on where we can make the best impact knowing we cannot get coverage for the gap population.

MOTION: Commissioner Marvin made a motion to support the Medicaid family planning waiver or state plan amendment. Dr. Roberge seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Food Fees Resolution

This resolution seeks to establish fees to support the food safety program. At the last meeting, a similar resolution was presented. Nikki and Commissioner Dale have been working on this resolution. The main changes are the first and second whereas statements that speak to the authority of this Board to be able to set fees. The last whereas statement is also new and that new statement echoes what was provided in the report from the Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE) when they studied the distribution of appropriation funds to public health districts.

Board members discussed concerns including discrepancies of the three legged stool approach perception. Nikki explained that the intent is to identify the services we provide that currently do not have fees associated with them but could reasonably be charged for. She feels that this is within the authority of the Board to do.

MOTION: Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the resolution to establish fees to administer the food safety program. Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

PAYETTE PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Commissioner Church discussed the Payette facility. Mike Hanigan, owner of the apartments on the lot adjacent to the Payette facility, asked for permission from SWDH to bore under the SWDH parking lot to run cables for high speed internet to the apartments. Board members discussed this request and asked Commissioner Church to ask Mike Hanigan to present a letter of request to the Board. The letter needs to specify whether the line will be duplicated or tied into to provide access to the apartments to go to the hub and have their own line. Board members also asked that a drawing or diagram be included with the letter of request.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Crisis center update

The crisis center workgroup has been meeting every other week and has nearly completed work on the Request for Proposals (RFP) which they hope to release this week. The RFP will be held open until we can be certain we have a contract with the State. The State is redrafting some of their contracts with the other crisis centers to adjust unrealistic contract expectations. Saint Alphonsus has offered another location for us to consider. The facility offered is about 2,500 square feet and Saint Alphonsus is willing to gift that building to the crisis center. The crisis center workgroup has asked Nikki to approach St. Luke's to see if there may be a way to tie in with their new facility in Nampa. Commissioner Aberasturi has been participating in the workgroup and asked Board members to help inform their communities that this crisis center will be an opportunity for individuals in crisis to receive assistance without being taken to a hospital.

Nikki explained that on the insurance side Blue Cross has agreed to work out a reimbursement structure for crisis center services. Blue Cross is a large payer and is anticipated to have the second largest number of lives who may visit the crisis center. Medicaid would be the first largest.

The reimbursement strategies for the two companies differ. Blue Cross of Idaho is looking to pilot their reimbursement strategy with District 3 where Optum or Medicaid wants to provide reimbursement to all of the crisis centers across the state immediately. These reimbursement contracts will improve the sustainability of the crisis centers and reduce the financial impact to counties and cities.

Part of the model that Nikki would like to build out includes access across the district via telehealth to access crisis center intervention services. Also, Weiser Memorial and Valor Health have indicated willingness to provide a stabilization bed. Nikki has met with both providers and they are open to future conversations. These stabilization beds would keep patients out of the Emergency Department and allow for some crisis intervention services for patients not able to travel to the crisis center in Canyon County.

Weiser Memorial is planning to do a remodel within the next 18 months. Nikki anticipates that there may be some monies available in the crisis center budget to possibly assist with the remodeling.

Proxy forms

Nikki distributed proxy forms for the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget hearing to be held Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Southwest District Health.

NACCHO Promising Practice Award

Nikki highlighted the recent NACCHO Promising Practice Award that SWDH received. Some SWDH staff and community partners were involved in creating an opportunity for collaboration to provide behavioral health services to schools in Nampa. The Southwest Health Collaborative identified youth behavioral health services in Nampa as a high priority. The SWDH staff and community partners connected around a pilot project that had some initial foundation funding from Blue Cross. This project was intended to bring behavioral health providers into the school to increase access for youth and teens in the schools. The pilot project was very successful; as a result, insurance reimbursement has started. These services are now well sustained and growing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH IDAHO CODE 74-206(b)

MOTION: At 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Marvin moved to go into Executive Session as authorized by Idaho law 74-206(b) for the purpose of discussing a personnel item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Roll call taken: Chairman Church, Commissioner Marvin, Commissioner Elliott, Dr. Roberge, Commissioner Aberasturi.

DECISION MADE: Board members agreed to approve the evaluation and recommendation of the board to increase the director's pay by \$4,000 contingent upon the Governor's approval.

MOTION: Dr. Roberge moved to approve the director's evaluation and recommend increasing the director's pay by \$4,000 contingent upon the Governor's approval. Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous decision.

The board came out of executive session at 11:12 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: 5/17/18